

## Message Text

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R 152311Z JUL 75  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:PFOR, APER, LA, US

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF CHARGE

FOR CHARGE

1. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS PARA D VIENTIANE 4793 AND CON-  
CUR GENERALLY WITH YOUR PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR CORCORAN'S  
ARRIVAL AND BRIEF OVERLAP WITH YOU AROUND END OF JULY. WE  
AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE AS MANY OF CURRENT  
ISSUES AS POSSIBLE BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE, IN ORDER TO LEAVE  
WAY CLEAR FOR YOUR SUCCESSOR. HOWEVER, IF THIS PROVES NOT  
TO BE POSSIBLE, BELIEVE CORCORAN SHOULD IN ANY CASE PROCEED  
BY EARLY AUGUST, ASSUMING WE CAN STILL MAINTAIN A MISSION  
IN LAOS. CORCORAN'S FIRST DUTY WOULD IN THESE CIRCUM-  
STANCES BE TO TAKE STRONG POSITION WITH PGNU URGING QUICK  
RESOLUTION OF ISSUES IF "A NEW ERA" IN OUR RELATIONS IS  
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INDEED TO BEGIN.

2. AS WE SEE SCENARIO DEVELOPING, WE WILL PROCEED QUIETLY  
HERE WITH CORCORAN'S PROCESSING UNTIL YOU HAVE NOTIFIED

PGNU OF YOUR REPLACEMENT. WE LEAVE TIMING OF THIS NOTIFICATION UP TO YOU, BUT WISH TO BE ADVISED PROMPTLY WHEN YOU PLAN TO TELL PGNU. ONCE REPLACEMENT BECOMES KNOWN TO PGNU, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONFIRM IT TO PRESS, STATING THAT

REPLACEMENT IS NORMAL PERSONNEL ACTION DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU A WELL-EARNED REST AND TO REPLACE YOU WITH ANOTHER VERY ABLE OFFICER, ALSO HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN THE AREA. IF THIS RAISES QUESTIONS REGARDING AMBASSADOR STONE'S ARRIVAL IN LAOS, WE WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT STONE'S DEPARTURE HAS BEEN DELAYED AND HE IS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE.

3. WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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